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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A method for generating a program by combining program modules on an information processing system having a computer, a memory and input/output devices, comprising steps of:
- (a) visually displaying program modules stored in the memory on a display device by a command inputted from the input device;
 - (b) retrieving navigation programs for guiding the combination of program modules stored in the memory by a command inputted from the input device;
 - (c) displaying the retrieved navigation program group on the display device;
- (d) selecting a desired navigation program from the navigation program group displayed on the display device by a command inputted from the input device;
 - (e) executing the navigation program;
 - (f) designating a guide parameter outputted by the navigation program for the combination of program modules by a command inputted from the input device;
 - (g) generating a connector module for combining program modules from the guide parameter inputted from the input device; and
 - $\label{eq:connector} \mbox{(h) storing the generated connector module in } \\$ the memory.
 - 2. A method for generating a program according to Claim 1 further comprising the step of:

operating the program module visually dis-

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- played on the display device by a command inputted from the input device to read a navigation program stored in a memory of other than its own information processing system by a command inputted from the input device.
 - 3. A method for generating a program according to Claim 1 further comprising the step of:

operating the program module displayed on the display device to conduct the retrieval of the navigation programs stored in the memory in accordance with authorization of a user by a command inputted from the input device.

4. A method for generating a program according to Claim 1 further comprising the step of:

displaying the retrieved navigation program group on the display device in a descending order of selection frequency.